BY THE SEA.

Only a long, gray stretch of ghostly sand; Only a dark, dim sky that scowls in hate Above this barren, bateful line of land; Only a harsh red sea insatiate. There on the shere lie sea-flung weeds like flame, And out amid the bloody waves' hot jaws Tosses a broken spar; this sea shall tame

Tosses a broken spar, this sea to the Towereck each vessel caught by his tiger paws "Ha, how I taughed to see you drag her down And break her with your teeth." And I, the sky, Lered as the fools prayed, face against my frown." Twas good. You saw those two young lovers die!"

A HANSOM AMATEUR. A TALE IN FIVE CHAPTERS. CHAPTER L.

Chapter I.

Some people have a surprising talent for despising the ordinary amasements and occupations of life; and very jortunate creatures they are, for it is clear that more than their hair share of the amusement lurking about in odd corners of this labyrinthine universe has been given to them to cause this universe has been given to them to cause this satiety. Or perchance it may be truer to say that more amusement than they are able to assimilate has been offered to their mental palate.

Mark Forrester was one of these fortunate unfortunates: he seemed to have found everything out, and detected the hollowness of all things. Though a younger son, he was born afflicted with a fortune a-year, and no compensating skeleton in his closel; and, as he was neither a genus or a scoundrel, he scarnely knew what to do with himseli without the warm stimulus of necessary labor.

Morning.

Not one lady returned to reward the gallant calman, but three, and that after some moments delay. There was a lamp just over the gate of the little villa, and by its light be saw an elderly lady in a bonnet, whom he at once recognized as Lady M Whymper, his fare, and a taller girl with a woolen shawl thrown round her bead and shoulders.

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Sixpence,' he replied, in answer to the latter's question of how much.

We don't want to impose on you, cabman, she said; 'and however short the distance, notody charges so lattle.'

Beg pardon, miss, I am't nobody,' returned the cabman, with more truth than she dreamed.

Very true,' she laughed, looking no into his face, which was a little above the isamplight, and muther to the nose in a comforter assumed for the occasion. 'But you ought to have a double fare for your knodness to my sister. She is young and easily frightened, and I am too much occupied to go about with her, as we are all working women. And I wanted to make an arrangement with you to take her to her singing engagements I wice a week in future. But if you fleece yourself in this way, the thing will be impossible. However, as we are poor, and Massie has hitherto wasked home on that account, I thought that a permanent engagement might be contracted for; but nothing shall induce us to feece honest men, even with their consent, she added, putting three sixpences into his kand.

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The Honorable cabman was a little startled at being mailed, as it were, on the spot, in consequence of his chivairous succor of a forlorn danser. It was however, a fine opening for him, since his mind had of late been seriously exercised with regard to the advisability of driving a stage-ceach, an omnibus or an engine. So he quickly caught at the offer; and Lady M'Whymper, whom he knew as a canny Scotswoman and strict treasurer of pence, having suggested an outragoously small payment, he declared the sum to be a princely feward; and the barrain was strick, not without he pince too small, and who was yet evidently so poor that she could not affect more. I want to know all about your cabmen. I want to know all about your cabmen.

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I work and Everend voung man, smiling. Would make a pretty stiff subject for a competitive examination. They can't be crammed in a minute, Mark. Look here, dear old boy—we have a big tea on to-morrow night. Suppose you come and give them a but of a law afterward. No, you need to them. We have opened several new shelters, and are going to propose a self-supporting cofee-tavern, in which they shall have shares. Woodman and I give £50 to start them.

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On the subject moved him, for he had never yet realized the tragic importance of a few shiftings to people of narrow means. Pounds and shiftings were to him and his fellows as the common rain and unshine to ordinary humanity. His knowledge of the poor was theoretic and fragmentary, by no heans experimental, and he had yet to become acquainted with the vast border of decent and syen cultured and refined poverty that separates wealth from squalid want.

On starting with Lady M'Whymper he received a

eard from the taller sister with the name Olivia Winter, and the address Normandy Villa, Bromley Road, W., that he might not fast in his assignation on the following Tuesday, and drove off highly instances of his novel acquaintances, and concluding that Olivia was probably a needlewoman or former maid of Lady M'Whymper's, and that Maisie, his fare, was in training for the ballet or some supernumerary stage employment. With it all, it was strange of Lady M'Whymper to be there at that time of night.

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Stebburg, said Mr. Forrester, when his groom stepped up to take the reins from his hand, have the crest painted out of the cab to-morrow, and get me a set of plain single harness without any plating or ornament whatever.

Forster?

'Not exactly, miss.'

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'Not exactly? Trembling on the verge, Forster?'
I hope you will make a good choice. People don't reflect sufficiently before marrying, particularly when circumstances allow them to marry young and without chically. Now a cabman mast find great comfort in a w.fo. But don't be in a hurry. Forster, she said carnestry; 'don't give up vour life for a bright eye and a pretty check. Make sare first that she is good.'

Mr. Forrester smitted in his comforter. He had frequently before been lectured upon his mattimonal duries and prospects, but never by a being so young, so 'tright-eyed, and so disinterested. He liked new experiences.

Things in general is rough upon women, Miss, Howsomever, I shouldn't wonder if they was to pull the woman sufrage through Parlymint some of

these days.'

'Do you really think so, Forster? I am so glad.
This is my stater, Geraldine Winter,' she added, as a girl with a cup and sancer came tripping down to the gate—' Mark Fotster, Gerry.'

Mr. Forrester, by force of habet, lifted his hat in the usual way, to the great surprise of his friends.
'I have brought you a cup of coffee, Forster,' said Miss Geraldine, with a frank smile. 'Maisic is just coming. Would you prefer beer?'

Maisic, otherwise Margaret, then appeared, and was driven to her destination, which proved to be some well-known public rooms in which proved to be some well-known public rooms in which a concert.

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You have chosen the Leaden Casket, returned his fare, with rapture.

'Maise,' she added in a whisper, 'I quite love this cabman. I do hope he won't marry that frivolous nurse-maid he is dreaming of,'
Thus, before the cabman had had much opportunity for redection, the eager Olivia had engaged him to come to Normandy Villa on the following Sanday evening for his first Greek lesson; and after this he feit that he could not disappoint the ardent girl, whatever his opinion of the expediency of the arrangement might be.

On the following morning be appeared at the house of his brother, the Hon, and Rev. Alian Forrester, viear of a large London parish, into which he threw all his youthful energies and large young heart.

'Alian,' he said entering the foom in which his brother was snatching a hasty luncheon at a table pied with correspondence, reports and statistics, to which he paid more attention than to the frugal meal before him—'I want to know all about your cabmen.'

CHAPTER III.

When the evening dusk was gathering on the following Sunday, Mr. Forrester, arrayed from head to foot in such attire as he had observed upon the persons of younger cabmen, stood on the steps of Normandy Vilia and knocked three slow loud knocks on the door, feeling at the same time a succession of more aristocratic raps from within his own ribs.

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It is appointed to see oned door upon the landing of which stood his bostess, all smiles to welcome him, though he observed that she did not ofter her hand. He went through a good deal of puffing and blowing, and strength guide the mat in the narrow passage, and then entered a pretty little room, plainly furnished, but abounding in photographs, prints and other objects of art, and having some tastefully arranged fresh flowers here and there. An ease! and a riano stood in different parts of the room; it was full of books, and tea was laid upon

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His punctuality was rewarded. In answer to the bell, which was pulled by a paesing arab, Olivia Winter came to the gate in the immplight, parted the horsest neck with a slim, white hand, on which Mr Forrester detected the gleam of a diamond ring.

I am so script, cabman, she said kindly; my sister indoors and in a full light, and he was struck by their grace and the easy manner in sister indoors and in a full light, and he was struck by their grace and the easy manner in sister indoors are to make a sim, graceful grid, with args clear grace, and you really are a little before, though I know as immeriating and the homes of their simple home, he was a simple of the more of them were creating predictions. An interest of the more of the more of the more of their simple home, he was a simple of the more of the more of their simple home, he was a simple of the simple home, he was a simple of the simple home, he was a simple of the commandation of the missing of the part of ardently chased prey rather than bis a good deal of bloom, and is name? I hate to call a propose of the commanding air that wene well with a good deal of bloom, and is name? I make to call a propose of the grace of the was a simple, younger and less intended to the part of ardently chased prey rather than bis an exident of the post of the predictions and know that they can pick her was a simpler of the was a simpler of the work of the miseries of the upper clears.

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help to do so ?'

We want to hear all about your people, added Olivia, with her usual enroestness, and then we will tell you all about ourselves.

Thus the cabman was led to confess a father,

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Mark smiled to himself. He was acquainted are undon that such failings in himself would appear to the young nobleman as virtues in comparison with his sisters heinous wickedness in having a cabman to tea with them. No one knew better than he that men may commit every inquity short of invading each other's purses, and be blameless, while women 'And present infract the most arbitrary convention.'

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ithout rum.
'Livy and I are twins,' said Geraldine, who had now come in from service. 'We are twenty-four. Muisie is twenty-two. Don't you think we are old

mean aspire to that heacht. Besides, we have the advantage of not deing preity.

CHAPTER IV.

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of fine-bred laddes doing that! Excuse me, moss, but you wasn't brought up to work. A cabman sees a good many ladies, and gets to know the real grit.

The sisters looked at each other, and burst into a merry laugh

Don't betray us. Forster, cried Olivia; 'I knew you would that us out. But will you promise on your honor as a true man- to keep our secret; Well, then, the fur of it is mat we need not earn our living at all. We each have a tiny fortune of our own, though far too small for the station in which we were born. We have run away from our triends in order to lead a rabional life.

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'We hated conventionality,' added Geraldine, and we hated shaums,' continued Olivia, with a flushing cheek. 'Our parents are dead, Forster, and we ran away from our brother and the trustees of over property, who wished to dictate our way of life to us. So we just wrote a note saying that we were off to Berlin under assumed names to teach English, and that they need trouble themselves no more about us. We did go to Berlin, but soon came back, convinced that London is the only place big enough to hide in—and here we are. Our mame is easy of the proper ray and rich old.

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Olivia heaved a deep sigh of weariness as she shut the book. 'I never had such a pure before,' she said, smiling him a couple of fathous deeper down, 'How I long to introduce you to Homer and Æschylms! You may perhaps have heard of Helen and Troy, and the wanderings of Ulysses!'

'I've been taking the liberty of thinking about that there brother of yours, miss,' replied Mark, evading this question as dangerous. 'Now if I had the charge of three young women under age, and the charge of three young women under age, and the charge of three young women under age, and they sloped, I should be in Queer Street, sisters or not.

'My dear Forster, we are all over are,' laughed Olivia; 'and why should we be in anybody's charge?'

We are free women, the free citizensel fa free country, and our English blood beins at the thought of restraint. Besides,' she added with a bitterness that recalled certain episodes in Northwynd's career to her listened, we have no vices to repress that recalled certain episodes in Northwynd's career to her listened, we have no vices to repress what we called the country of this study of the state of the first called certain episodes in Northwynd's career to her listened, we have no vices to repress what we no vices to repress that recalled certain episodes in Northwynd's career to her listened, we have no vices to repress that recalled to the listenest, we have no vices to repress that could recover from the first sheek of this denunciation, had caused a cab to be called, and had a shrew dauspicton that such failints in himself would appear to the young noldernan as virilies in requestions with his book look of the first love you so tremential such as the case of the first love you so tremential such as the case of the first love you so tremential such as the case of the first love you so tremential such as the case of the first love you so tremential such as the case of the first love you so tremential such as the case of the first love you so tremential such as the case of the first love you

the part of ardently chased prey rather than of hunters.

'Ah, Forster, how little you know of the miseries of the upper classes! In your fortunate circles a man looks to a wife as to a prize, but these men of rank and fortune walk into a crowded drawing-room like sultans, and know that they can pick where they like. However, we have renonneed class distinctions now, and are going to do our best to bring the mouldering old social fabric crashing to the ground.'

so when men are rude in the streets, especially a night!

Little coward! Why didn't you call a policeman?

Miserable pretence of a woman! You had better go back to Northwynd and get married if you went a protector. Pray, what would you do if you were a mad servant, with no knightly blood in your veins, with none of the courage which springs from fifty generations of good feeding, with no sense of nothing to litt you above

to be folly."

'No one supposes you to be guilty of your own birth, Mr. Fotrester," continued Olivin with unabated unjesty; 'but I think you might see that it places a bar to your admission here. There are certain conventions with regard to the association

ectain conventions with regard to the association of ladies and gentlemen—

'Exactly. But Olivia Wynter told me that she desposed conventionality, as I do. And I might perhaps hint that it is not usual for unmarried indies to have young cabmen to tea with them.

'Beally, Mr. Forrester,' interrupted Geraldine, with heat—for she felt that this was ungrateful as coming from the favored cabman homesi—'it must be evident to the densest intelligence that a cabman is in a class so far beneath us as to be in quite a different category.'

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Quite so. But then, Miss Wynter has renounced class distinctions. She recognizes a brother in every man she meets, and thinks of his humanity rather than his accidents. Is it possible. Miss Wynter, that your sympathies have only a downward direction, and that the unfortunate minority known as the upper classes has no claim upon your kindness! What a deal of misapplied charity there is in this world, to be sure?

'And misapplied talent, added Geraldine.' What a pity you are not a bartister, Mr. Forcester! Your clents might commit the crueilest minders with a quiet mind?

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At this moment another step was 'heard upon the stairs, and was succeeded by a gentle knock at the parlordoor, which Marsic opened, disclosing the form of a young lady with a sweet smile and in an elegant costume, and who appeared to be a stranger to the three sisters.

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'What! Mark here!' she exclaimed upon seeing him; and imping rashly to conclusions, she took it for granted that her brother's intended proposals were already accepted. 'And you don't recognize me, Miss De Wyster! Den't you remember my Christmas at Northcourt! and the fun we had! and Mark kissing little Livy under the mistletee! To think that he should fall in love with her in the disguise of a cabman atter all. Dear old Lady M'Whymper teld me all about it this morning, and I thought! might venture to call.'

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'Yes: Jane the milkmaid!' replied the guest, sinking into the lounging-chair that was offered her. Oh, it was quite frue. I do milk the cows sometimes, and make the buster. Mark never also Dear Miss De Wynter, I appreciate your life, and quite believe in women's disabilities, though I never adout it to men, for fear of being thought bold and unfominine. But I do hope that you will marry Mark—the poor fellow is so dreadfully in love.

'It happened during the first cup of tea, he explained, looking hard at the ceiling, as it taking that mute object to witiess.

'The order of things was apparently reversed,' commented Geraldine; 'the tea stirred the spoon, instead of the spoon stirring the tea.'

Olivia rebuked her sister's levity with a look of considerable majesty, and then turned a withering glance upon the suitor, whose natural misery was tempered by a sense of humor. 'This is quite new to us,' she observed; 'ama pray, which of us does Mr. Fortester als nd to honor with his hand?'

'Her who has showed him the greatest kindness.' he replied promptly. 'Dearest Miss Olivia' he added, 'my sister has precipitated things. I should never have ventured to put the decisive question so quickly. But it is my firm intention to leave no ing.

added, 'my sister has precipitated things. I should never have ventured to put the decisive question so quickly. But it is my firm intention to leave no stone unturned until I have persuated you to marry me. In fact, he added, 'I will marry you.'

Olivin haugined a definit hittle haugh, and motioned to the audiacious suitor, who had approached very near to her, while Lady Jane and the other two had withdrawn under pretence of examining a picture on the casel, to keep his distance. 'And do you think,' she asked, 'that I would marry a mere man?'

and had driven home to fall into Geraldine's arms, burst into tears and exciaim. 'Oh, Geraidine, we are undone! Tricked, deceived, and mocked by that miserable cabman, who is one of Northwynd's own tools!'

'By George!' exclaimed Forrester, after intercharging glances of mutual stupefaction with his hostess for some moments.

'And pray, Mark, what is the meaning of all this!' she exclaimed, severely.

'It means that I'm in as lively a scrape as a man need wish for,' he returned, with a melancholy air, as he proceeded to unbosom husself of the cab adventure, and all that it had led to.

'CAAPTER V.

'It was all Maisie's fault!' cried Olivia, during the adjourned discussion upon the faithless caodiffered and thing to lose her wits and true away from a climby inselent man like that!'

'Dh Livy, I can't help my fears' my heart beats so when men are rude in the streets, especially at night!'

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'Very lamely,' replied the lover, 'since, as Biron said on a similar occasion, "Jack hath not Jill."

'Annia Love's labor quite lost? asked Geraldine, in a melancholy tone. 'Was all that solid cake eaten and Queen's English mangled for nothing?

'Shall I be a milkmaid, a gamekeeper's daughter, and a cabman's sister for nothing? continued Lady

will you be a woman, and not a buby, that you must go about in the leading-strings of a deceitul calman?'

'Come, moderate your transports, Livy," cried Geraidine, "and remember that Massie has neither our stamman nor our inches. Let us have no more of the cabman, for pity's sake. I bless you like to make a ballad on the talse fetlow, and wind up the whole thing with a good laugh.'

'He was not your cabman, 'sighed Olivia, with unintentional pathos: and while she was yet speaking, the hour being about two o'clock in the afternoon, the leisure moment after the mid-day meal enjoyed by the three sisters, there came a man's springing step upon the stairs, followed by a knock at the parker-door, and the entrance of the object of all Olivia's anger. The indignant flashes

a proper chaperon.

It is a perty that ye couldn't have made things straighter, observed Lody M whymper, who, much as she dichked marriage in the austract, was too much of a woman not to be disappointed at missing one in the concrete. 'Come lasses, give us a cup of tea. Leddy Jean, poor bit bairn is just famelished, for she ate no lunch for excitement. I'm thinking she would like some of the good solid cake that lay sac beavy on Mark's conscience.

That was therefore browed, and the cabman's own special cake appeared, to the joy of Lady Jane, who maintained that a cabman's appetite was nothing to a mitamabile.

dear. And George the gamekeeper, and Jane miking her cows. We shall soon know them all for friends. And now about ourselves.

'I am a painter, said teraidine: 'I make my living chiefly by designs. My sisters call me a designing woman. These cups and saucers are my designing woman are considered. You are an earl's son, he replied with a melancholy air. 'I didn't choose that state of line of the being an earl's son, he replied with a melancholy air. 'I didn't choose that state of line of the being and save one in which a man can be considered. You are an earl's son, he replied with a melancholy air. 'I didn't choose that state of line of the being must be call may be been a firm upholder of said Olivia, with severe reproach.

'I can't help being an earl's son, he replied with a melancholy air. 'I didn't choose that state of line of the being must be the being my the carbon and a melancholy air. 'I didn't choose that state of line of the being my the being my the carbon and a melancholy air.' I didn't choose that state of line of the being my the being my the carbon and a melancholy air.' I didn't choose that state of line of the being my the carbon and a melancholy air.' I would rather have been in mistory as the culmost my the carbon and a melancholy air.' I didn't choose that state of line of the being my the carbon and a melancholy air.' I didn't choose that state of line of the colors of the being my the carbon and a melancholy air.' I didn't choose that state of line of the colors of the being my the carbon and a mean chart.' The case is now altered. You are an earl's son, he replied with a marrial authority in favor of this bill was overwhelmed.' The carbon and the colors of the being my the carbon and the colors of the being my the marrial authority in favor of this bill was overwhelmed.' Th

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'How little,' said the fortunate legislator on the eve of the wedding—'how little did 1 dream that my hansem would procure me such a fair"—[Black-wood's Magazine.

O mellow moonlight warm, Weave round my love a charm; O countiess starry eyes, Watch from the holy skies; O ever-solemn Night, Shield her within thy might; Watch her, my little one! Shield her, my darling!

O MELLOW MOONLIGHT.

How my heart shrinks with fear,
Nightly to leave thee, dear;
Lonely and pure within
Vast glooms of wee and sin:
Our wealth of love and bliss
Too heavenly-perfect is:
Good hight, my little one! God keep thee, darling! James Thomson.

COLONEL RAMSAY'S ANECDOTES.

From The London Globe.

Time, indeed, sector to have wings, when blithe Balcarres Ramsay is found writing that he began his military career some forty years ago. It seems only the other day that he was quite a young captain in the 75th Regiment, and yet that must be over thirty years sinced in 1845, at a little dinner which the author gave at the Coventy Club, now the St. James's, he invited Prince Soltyked to meet the French Pretender. The next day the Russian magnate expressed surprise at the currosity which Prince Louis had expressed about the strength and constituents of the Muscovite army, and when Colonel Ramsay met Prince Soltyked after the Crimean war, the two agreed that this questioning had a very practical purpose. Three years later, when Prince Louis was somewhat under a cloud, owing to his abortive attempt at Boulogne—the "Eag" was the only club that opened its doors to him—young Ramsay was much thrown into his company. "Often," he writes, "have I sat late into the night with him quite alone; when after showing me relies of his mother, Queen Hortense, he sat playing with a dog which had been his companion in the prises at I am, or looking dreamily into the playing with a dog which had been his companion in the prison at Ham, or looking dreamily into the fireplace, seldom speaking, but every now and them soliloquizing and talking of what he would do when

in the prison of 11 du, or looking the place, seldom speaking, but every now and then sollioquizing and talking of what he would do when he was Emperor of the French."

Some jot the most interesting and lamusing experiences recorded in these volumes are those which happened to the author when he was a mere lad, travelling about the Continent under charge of a tutor. It was at the Vilia Salviati, then belonging to Mr. Vansitiart, but which afterward came into the mossession of Grisi, that the young scanegrace had an adventure with the great Catalani. Prince Pomatowski having begged the famons cantatrice to favor the company with a song, and she got up from her scat and moved toward the piano. But before reaching it she changed her mind, and returned to her scat without looking behind her. "In my anxiety to hear the great singer," says the Colonel, "I deposted an ice-cream, red and rosy, on her chair, which I had not time to remove belore she plumped down on it. The weather being very warm and the lair prima donna's garments of the thinnest texture, the sensation was evidently a vivid one. She jumped up, exclaiming. What is this?" and then saw her white musin dved red. I was standing by with my mouth open, petrilied with terror, when the fair songstress opened upon me such a volicy of choice. Tuscan vermentar that I fairly fied. Junaping out of a low window, I escaped and never stopped until I found myself within the walls at the Porta San Gallo." While stopping at Treves, the lad sat most a Prussian general of cavalry, who related to him how that George IV, once gave a dinner to all the They were still playing wildly at cross-purposes, though Olivia has satisfied herself that Lady M Whymper was not gruly of complicity with her kinsman's designs, when Mark instead of seizing, as his hostess devently hoped he would, this opnortunity for evanishing, reappeared in the drawing room.

It was an unlacky moment; for Olivia's indignation was then at its hottest, and she was seeking some object upon which to pour on the vials of her wanth. 'Con sin, 'she exclaimed, with a wave of her wanth in the culprit's direction, 'beware of that man' He is a falsehood! He is a cabman.'

They were still playing wildly at cross-purposes, the man'? I was an indice her self-that Lady M Whymper was not gruly of council that I would marry a more Tuscan vernantlar that I fairly fled. Jamping out of a low window, I escaped and never stopped until I found myself within the walls at the Porta San Chivia bit her lip, perhaps to conceal a smile, and looked out of the window in the arrow recess of looked out of the window in the arrow recess of which they were stabiling, while the group devoted to the fine arts were in the other. 'Marriage,' she said, 'does not enter into our scheme of life. It was an officers at Hanover, and made them all beauty to avoid it that we hid ourselves from the window in the care with the exception of the narrator himself. So pleased was the "first gentleman in Europe" with the Bacchanalian prowess of the one exception, that he presented upon me such a volice Tuscan vernantlar that I fairly fled. Jamping out of a low window, I escaped and never stopped until I found myself within the walls at the Porta San Cailo.' While stopping at Treves, the lads at next Gailo.' While stopping at Treves, the lads at next Gailo.' While stopping at Treves, the lads at next Gailo.' While stopping at Treves, the lads at next Gailo.' While stopping at Treves, the lads at next Gailo.' While stopping at Treves, the lads at next Gailo.' While stopping of a low undow, in the nearrow recess of load.' While stopping at Treves,